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TO : EXO

DATE: 28 August 1950

FROM : Chief, FDZ

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AUTHORIZATION -

SUBJECT: Language Instruction for [REDACTED] Personnel LANGUAGE LESSONS

25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Chief of Station, [REDACTED] has 25X1A
requested authority to reimburse from station operational funds
25X1A [REDACTED] his administrative assistant, for the cost of
25X1A Russian lessons which she intends to take from a white Russian teacher
[REDACTED] University, who also gives private instruction.

25X1A 2. Not only is a knowledge of the Russian language extremely helpful
for the conduct of certain station projects, but the lessons will also
25X1A provide the opportunity for obtaining information of the Communist activities
25X1A among the [REDACTED] It is also expected that this move
will gain an entree into a hitherto untapped group [REDACTED], namely,
25X1A the politically active [REDACTED]

25X1A 3. The cost of language instruction will not exceed \$250 per year.
Since it is presumed that all contacts will be on an unwitting basis at
first, there is little or no possibility that this step will endanger
the security of the station personnel. [REDACTED] considers the Russian
instructor to be highly reliable and is presently in the process of
compiling a background report on him.

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25X1A ORIGINATOR : [REDACTED]

DEPUTY, FDZ : [REDACTED]

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1 September 1950 to 1 September 1951
at a total cost of not to exceed \$250.00.

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